

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice and add new claims 12 through 25 as

follows:

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1 1. (cancelled)

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1 11. (cancelled)

1 12. (New) Surgical apparatus comprising:

2 an elongated cannula including a plural number of lumens extending therein

3 between proximal and distal ends thereof;

4                   a retractor disposed within a lumen of the cannula to extend beyond the

5                   distal end of the cannula for engaging a vessel in response to movement of the

6                   retractor within the lumen; and

7                   a surgical tool supported in a lumen of the elongated cannula and extending

8                   beyond the distal end thereof for performing a surgical procedure on a tissue

9                   structure engaged by the retractor.

1                   13. (New)           Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the

2                   surgical tool includes a cutting instrument for severing a portion of a tissue

3                   structure engaged by the retractor.

*A4*           14. (New)           Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the

2                   retractor and the surgical tool are relatively movable near the distal end of the

3                   cannula to facilitate severing a portion of a tissue structure engaged by the

4                   retractor.

1                   15. (New)           Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the

2                   retractor includes at least one arm slidably disposed within said lumen of the

3                   cannula that supports a cradle in lateral orientation with respect to the arm.

1                   16. (New)           Surgical apparatus according to claim 15 in which the

2                   cradle includes a generally U-shaped segment laterally oriented with respect to the

3                   arm.

1        17. (New)     Surgical apparatus according to claim 15 including a pair  
2        of arms slidably disposed within lumens of the catheter and supporting the cradle  
3        therebetween at distal ends of the pair of arms.

1        18. (New)     Surgical apparatus according to claim 16 in which the  
2        arm includes a distal portion thereof that is laterally flexible and resiliently biased  
3        away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula.

1        19. (New)     Surgical apparatus according to claim 18 in which the U-  
2        shaped cradle includes a recess disposed to engage a vessel therein that is aligned  
3        in the direction of the resilient bias for resiliently deflecting a vessel engaged  
4        thereby away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula.

1        20. (New)     Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the  
2        cannula includes an endoscopic lumen for slidably supporting an endoscope  
3        therein to provide visualization of the retractors and surgical instrument beyond the  
4        distal end of the cannula.

1        21. (New)     A surgical procedure performed with an elongated  
2        cannula including a retractor and a surgical tool disposed near a distal end of the  
3        cannula, the procedure comprising the steps for:  
4        positioning the distal end of the cannula near a tissue structure;

engaging the tissue structure with the retractor for selective manipulation

6 thereof; and

engaging the tissue structure with the surgical tool to alter the tissue

## 8 structure.

22. (New) The surgical procedure according to claim 20 in which

2 the retractor engages the tissue structure including a target vessel having a branch

3 vessel thereon; and

the surgical tool severs the branch vessel near the target vessel engaged by

## 5 the retractor.

23. (New) The surgical procedure according to claim 21 in which

2 the retractor resiliently urges the target vessel away from the surgical tool to

3 facilitate severing thereby of the branch vessel.

24. (New) The surgical procedure according to claim 21 in which

2 engaging the tissue structure with the retractor and engaging the tissue structure

3 with the surgical tool are performed under endoscopic visualization within a field

4 of view near the distal end of the cannula.

1 25. (New) The surgical procedure according to claim 21 in which

2 the retractor and surgical tool are selectively deployed from the distal end of the

3 cannula during the procedure to sever the branch vessel.